




***THE STATUTES OF
THE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC
MISSIONARY INTERCESSORS
OF THE
FELLOWSHIP OF THE BURNING BUSH***

*(Decree of Establishment for each country
is the same as first Decree, except for #2C
which states branch name of specific Arch/diocese.)*

*First Decree of establishment
Diocese of Wewak, PNG*

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BY THIS DECREE, I HEREBY ESTABLISH		
THE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC INTERCESSORS OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE BURNING BUSH WITH ITS LOCAL TITLE IN PNG OF KAIKAI I MAU		
AS A PRIVATE ASSOCIATION OF THE FAITHFUL IN THE DIOCESE OF WEWAK, ACCORDING TO THE NORMS OF 1983 CODE OF CANON LAW #298 TO 326 FOR ALL JURIDICAL EFFECTS.		
AND I APPROVE THE STATUTES OF THIS ASSOCIATION, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED.		
I EXTEND MY SPECIAL BLESSING TO FOUNDRESS, SISTER STEPHEN CULHANE, OCV, AND TO ALL WHO JOIN THIS ASSOCIATION FOR GOD'S ANOINTING, PROTECTION, AND GUIDANCE IN THEIR SERVICE OF THE CHURCH.		
GIVEN ON THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING, ON THIS TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF NOVEMBER, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-THREE, AT THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF WEWAK, WEWAK, E.S.P., PAPUA NEW GUINEA.		
 _____ MOST REVEREND RAYMOND KALISZ, SVD		

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PREFACE: SPIRITUAL HERITAGE OF FBB

(Following are some excerpts from "A Vision for Intercession in the Holy Spirit", a booklet that describes the apostolate of The Catholic Charismatic Missionary Intercessors of The Fellowship of The Burning Bush (FBB) from a spiritual perspective.)

"Coming from the Depths of the Holy Spirit, the spirituality of FBB is Trinitarian in nature. FBB intercessors are formed and encouraged to enter deeply into a deep personal and working relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in their whole lives as well as in their service of intercession. Because the Life of the Triune-God, Father-Son-Holy Spirit, is the basis and source of everything possible under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, FBB allows room in the lives of the intercessors for every vocation, form of living, spirituality, and service that is authentically Christian. (Ephesians 3: 14-21; 1 Corinthians 12:3) At the same time, FBB strengthens, supports, and secures the root foundations of each intercessor in that living relationship with the Triune-God, so that each one might come to fullness in Christ Jesus for the Glory of God. (Ephesians 1 and 4: 1-16).

"As the special service of INTERCESSION flows from a truly solid community with the foundation-community of the Triune-God, that service becomes stable, effective, and secure in the Lord, and will bear much lasting fruit." (John 15:7)

(His Holiness John Paul II explains this "Mystery of Church Communion" in a most beautiful way in Chapter 2: Christifideles Laici.)

"FBB intercessors are called to be "Missionaries of God's Love in the Holy Spirit." (John 5: 9 - 20; 14: 14-16) In union with the Holy Spirit, FBB has been specially consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, spouse of the Holy Spirit and first missionary intercessor with Him as the Mother of Jesus. Through intercession in union with and in obedience to the Holy Spirit, (with her), FBB intercessors are privileged to share the Love of God with others and spiritually "bring forth" the Lord Jesus TODAY throughout the world.... long distance.... by their

intercession. Thus, through the apostolate of FBB, intercessors of FBB are privileged to give all Glory to God...

"WHOSE POWER WORKING IN US (AND THROUGH US)
CAN DO INFINITELY MORE THAN WE CAN ASK OR IMAGINE.
ALL GLORY BE TO HIM FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION
IN THE CHURCH AND
IN CHRIST JESUS FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN."
(EPHESIANS 3: 20-21)

THE STATUTES

A. NAME AND PURPOSE OF ASSOCIATION

1. THE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC MISSIONARY INTERCESSORS OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE BURNING BUSH (FBB) is a private association of the faithful dedicated to live in deeper union with the Holy Trinity and intercede for the work of the Holy Spirit in the whole Catholic Church. (Canon Law #298:1; Canon Law #304:2)

FBB is like an international "house of prayer" (Isaiah 56:7), a spiritual prayer army, a fellowship in the Holy Spirit of Catholic charismatic intercessors who live and serve the Lord and His Church in their own groups, parishes, and communities. FBB is created by the mutual agreement of those called by God to intercede in a united, committed, focused way in the Love and Power of the Holy Spirit for the work of the Holy Spirit in the Catholic Church world-wide. (Matthew 18:19-20) FBB especially promotes devotion to the Holy Spirit, the Burning Fire of God's Love in our hearts (Romans 5:5) and THE INTERCESSOR, and intercession in union with Him, The One Who knows how to pray. (Romans 8:26-27)

2A. The name of the association is:

THE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC MISSIONARY INTERCESSORS
OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE BURNING BUSH (FBB).

"The Burning Bush" refers to Moses' encounter with God at the burning bush, where God gave him the mission to bring the Israelites out of the bondage of Egypt to the Promised Land. (Exodus 3) In carrying out this mission. Moses' main work was intercession. (Exodus 14:21; 15:25; 17:8-16 32:11-14) The full meaning and fulfillment of the life and intercession mission of Moses is manifested in the Life and Intercession Mission which Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Son of God, received from the Father. (See Hebrews; Isaiah 53; Dei Verbum IV #15-1 and V #17) And now as He continues in this Divine Work at the right hand of

the Father in Heaven (Romans 8:34: Hebrews 4:14-16). He has sent the Holy Spirit to live and intercede in our hearts (John 14:16-17).

2B. Territorial branches of FBB have a subtitle or name, which reflects a particular aspect of FBB charism that is especially meaningful to the people of that area. (Ephesians 4:7-16)

2C. The name of the Association in (*each country is posted here.*)

THE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC MISSIONARY INTERCESSORS
OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE BURNING BUSH -
(name of country branch).

3. The purpose of FBB intercessors is to give glory to the Blessed and Holy Trinity (Ephesians 3:20-21), by being missionaries of God's Love through sharing in the redemptive mediation and intercession of our Lord Jesus Christ in union with the Holy Spirit. (Luke 10:1- 2; John 15:12-13; John 17:1-3)

"...the precept of charity, which is the Lord's greatest commandment, urges all Christians to work for the glory of God through the coming of His Kingdom and for the communication of Eternal Life to all men that they may know the only true God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent."
(Apostolicam Actuositatem #3)

"No creature could ever be counted along with the Incarnate Word and Redeemer; but just as the priesthood of Christ is shared in various ways both by his ministers and the faithful, and as the one goodness of God is radiated in different ways among His creatures, so also the unique mediation of the Redeemer does not exclude but rather gives rise to a manifold cooperation which is but a sharing in this source."
(Lumen Gentium #62)

B. MEMBERSHIP

4. Any devout, adult Catholic (Canon Law #298), who desires to live in a more intimate union with the Holy Trinity (John 15:5) and join in the intercession apostolate of FBB may request of the moderator of FBB (or area representative of FBB) to become a member.

"The participation of the lay faithful in the three-fold office of Christ: priest, prophet, and king, is rooted primarily in the anointing of Baptism, developed in Confirmation, completed and dynamically sustained in the Eucharist. It is a participation given to the individual lay faithful inasmuch as they form the one Body of Christ ... This participation ... must be lived and actuated in communion and for the increase of the communion itself." (Christifideles Laici #14; and Canon Law #204:1)

Priests and religious, in virtue of their special consecrations, share in a unique way in this foundational participation in the Life and Mission of Our Lord Jesus Christ, which is available to all the faithful.

5. Members are received in accord with the recommendations of Canon Law #307 upon agreement of the moderator of FBB (or area representative of FBB) for an initial six-month period followed by renewable yearly commitment. Upon completion of at least a three-day retreat sponsored by FBB, members may be received using the "Ceremony of Reception" given at the end of these statutes. The moderator of FBB (or area representative of FBB) receives members within the context of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. (Canon Law #306)

6. Members freely make the promises in the "Prayer of Commitment".

7. Membership in FBB ceases by the free decision of the member; by the repeated failure of the member to keep the promises in the "Prayer of Commitment" made at the time of reception; or, for a just cause, by the prudential decision of the moderator in consultation with at least two advisors chosen by the moderator, or by the area representative in consultation with at least two advisors chosen by the area representative and after consultation with the moderator. (Canon Law #308)

C. SPIRITUAL GROWTH OF MEMBERS

8. By virtue of their service of intercession, members grow in the knowledge and love of the Lord and His Church.

9. FBB is committed to fidelity to the Holy Father and the College of Bishops. FBB members uphold all authentic Christian, sound Catholic and charismatic teachings, spiritual direction, and practices (that is, all which are in full accord with the Magisterium of the Catholic Church.)

(Canon Law #329)

"This life of intimate union with Christ in the Church is maintained by the spiritual helps common to all the faithful, chiefly by active participation in the liturgy."

(Apostolicam Actuositatem #4)

D. GOVERNANCE

10. In the spirit of Canon Law #312, FBB as an international association, serves the Lord and His Church under authority of the Holy See.

11. FBB intercessors live and serve the Lord and His Church under the guidance of their own local ecclesial authorities. (Canon Law # 305 and #323)

12. Members of FBB who serve in areas of responsibility in the Association seek to do so out of a deep union with the Holy Trinity, the Church, and others in responsibility in FBB so that their decisions are made in the same spirit and pattern as set out by the early Church Fathers, who said, "It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves..." (Acts 15:28) They carry out their service in true spirit of subsidiarity, realizing our privilege to serve as "unprofitable servants" (Luke 17:10; Mark 10:42-45; John 13:13-16) and that all Glory belongs to God.

13. The supervision of FBB rests in the hands of the moderator, with the assistance of at least two councilors chosen by the moderator for the

purpose of discernment. The moderator, who serves as guardian of the spirituality and apostolate of FBB, serves for a three-year term, which is renewable. The councilors serve for a one-year term, which is renewable. (Canon Law #324:1 and #309 and #321)

14. The Association retains the foundress as moderator in perpetuity, unless she is no longer able to fulfill the function of moderator or chooses to resign.

15. When the moderator can no longer fulfill the function of moderator or chooses to resign, the supervision of FBB reverts to the councilors of the moderator. A new moderator is chosen by the united, prayerful discernment of the area representatives and is confirmed by the local ordinary of the individual chosen as well as by the Holy See. (Canon Law #305:2)

16. The moderator may request a spiritual director for the association, who is then confirmed by competent authority. The role of the spiritual director is advisory. (Canon Law #324:2)

17. The Moderator in consultation with the councilors and at least three local and ecclesial advisors chosen by the moderator appoints the Area Representatives. These representatives serve as liaisons between their people and the moderator and other representatives of FBB for a one-year term, which is renewable. They also serve as guardians of the apostolate of FBB in their areas. In consultation with the moderator, they choose at least two councilors to assist them with prayerful discernment in carrying out the apostolate of FBB. The councilors serve for a one-year term, which is renewable. (Canon Law #309 and #321 and #324:1)

18. Area representatives may request spiritual directors, who are then confirmed by competent authority. The role of the spiritual directors is advisory. (Canon Law #324:2)

E. ACTIVITIES OF ASSOCIATION

19. FBB members are free to arrange times and places for individual or group intercessory prayer (Canon Law #215 and #309), remembering

the Lord's invitation to keep watch and pray always. (Isaiah 62:6-7; Matthew 26:40; Ephesians 6:18; Canon Law #321) During these times of intercession, in the midst of much praise and worship of the Lord, FBB intercessors earnestly seek to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit, being open to using all the Catholic (e.g. Holy Mass) and charismatic (e.g. 1Corinthians 12-14) gifts and ways of praying the Holy Spirit has given to the Church.

F. DISSOLUTION OF ASSOCIATION

20. Dissolution of the association is in accord with Canon Law #326. If it is the judgment of the moderator and councilors after consultation with competent ecclesial authority, that the purpose of FBB is no longer attainable, the association may be dissolved.

21. Upon dissolution, all temporal goods of FBB are to be dispersed by the moderator with due regard for the intentions of the donors and in accord with any legal civil documents of the Association in existence at that time. (Canon Law #326:2)

G. ACQUISITION OF TEMPORAL GOODS

22. FBB may receive free-will offerings; and, in accord with the norms of Canon Law #325, all donations are used solely for the benefit of the Association.

H. COMMON NORMS

23. Any dispensation of the norms necessary for certain local situations may be made by the moderator or by the area representative, with the approval of the moderator. (Canon Law #304:1)

24. Upon approval, the moderator may alter these Statutes after having consulted with the area representatives and/or competent ecclesial authority.

APPENDIX A
CEREMONY OF RECEPTION

(During the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, following the homily, the members of FBB may be received in the following ceremony.

The Official Prayer of Commission is said by moderator of FBB or
a person designated by the moderator.)

+ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Praise You Most Holy Mighty God, Father-Son-Holy Spirit All Glory to Your Holy Name!

Holy Father, we praise You and thank You for Your Mercy and Love. Thank You for the special privilege and call You give us to share in the intercession mission of Our Lord Jesus Christ in union with the Holy Spirit before Your very Throne.

Father, we lift up to You _____ whom You have called to serve in worship and intercession with us as *The Catholic Charismatic Missionary Intercessors of The Fellowship of The Burning Bush (FBB)*. Give (him/her) the Heart of Mercy that You have for Your people.

Lord Jesus, thank You for the special privilege to pray with You in intercession. We lift up to You _____ who is joining us in this mission of prayer with FBB. Please share with (him/her) the mantle of intercession that You wear as You stand before the Father's Throne. Share with (him/her) Your Own spiritual authority and special anointing in the Holy Spirit to intercede for others. Be (his/her) protection and peace that (he/she) might give that peace to others in prayer. Keep (him/her) close to Your Sacred Heart.

Come, Holy Spirit, immerse _____ anew in the fire of Your Love. Empower (him/her) in a special way to pray with You for others. Fill (him/her) to overflowing with Your Love and release in (him/her) all Your Gifts. Reach out through (him/her) in Your Mighty Love and

Power to do all You want to do in Your people. Come Holy Spirit, show _____ how to pray. Lead (him/her) clearly in times of intercession. Work Your Mighty Miracles in (him/her) and through (him/her) for the Glory of God.

May all the angels to be with _____ in prayer - especially St. Michael and St. Gabriel. And we ask you, St. Raphael, intercessor archangel, to be a special partner in prayer.

Holy Mary, Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ and Queen of intercessors, surround _____ with Your mantle of Love and bring (him/her) close to your Immaculate Heart. Be a special partner in prayer with (him/her). And we invite all the Saints to join _____ in the work of intercession.

Lord, Mighty God, we give You all the Praise and Glory for all You have done, are doing and will do in us and through us. Glorify Your Holy Name - the Mighty Name of Jesus.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit! As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end! Amen. ALLELUIA!

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RECOMMENDED PRAYER OF COMMITMENT
(TO BE SAID BY MEMBER MAKING THESE PROMISES)

Holy Father, Mighty God, I praise You for the gift of Your Life and Love to me through Christ Jesus, Your Son and my Lord, and through Your Holy Spirit. You have truly loved me with all Your Heart.

Father - God, I believe you have called me to serve You and Your people as a missionary of Your Love in Holy Spirit through worship and intercession with

*The Catholic Charismatic Missionary Intercessors of
The Fellowship of The Burning Bush.*

I thank you and say, "Yes, Lord. Here I am! I come to do Your WILL."

I offer You again my whole life. I renew my commitment to accept Christ Jesus as my Savior and Lord. I renounce Satan and all his allurements and all his works. And I renounce all the kingdoms of the world, the flesh and the devil. I choose You, Lord Jesus as my King and Lord. I want only to be part of Your Kingdom and help bring that Kingdom to others.

Fill me anew with Your Holy Spirit. Immerse me anew in the fire of Your Love. Give me a deeper freedom to worship You in Spirit and in Truth. Open up to me the length and breadth and height and depth of Your Love. Release in me all the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, especially the charismatic gifts: prophecy, faith, discernment, words of wisdom and knowledge, miracles and healing, and tongues (the prayer language of the Holy Spirit) and interpretation of tongues (1 Corinthians 12-14) so I can know when to pray, who and what to pray for, and how to pray.

Help me to draw on all the rich Catholic and charismatic heritage You have given us from Holy Spirit, so I can use ALL of Your Gifts and Ways in this apostolate. Lord Jesus, live out Your Life in and through me. And help me to follow and obey You, Holy Spirit, in this work of prayer and in my whole life, so I can truly give Glory to God.

WITH FBB, I make these promises:

1. I offer my whole life to You, Almighty Father-God, as a prayer of worship and intercession together with our Lord Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit, Blesses Virgin Mary and her Immaculate Heart, St. Raphael, all the saints and angels, and with all my brothers and sisters in Christ in FBB who are making this same commitment.
2. I make this commitment especially for all the work of Holy Spirit in the whole Catholic Church, for all those joined in this special apostolate of intercession, and for all those the Lord gives to me for prayer.
3. I make this commitment for six months to start. Then, yearly as Holy Spirit leads and confirms through appropriate members of FBB.

4. I will be available to You, Lord, to pray for others in intercession as You lead me.
5. I will spend time each day in worship and intercession open to using all the gifts of Holy Spirit as He leads, especially His Charismatic Gifts. (1 Corinthians 12-14)
6. I will gather with others for regular times of worship and intercession open to using all the Gifts of Holy Spirit as He leads, especially His Charismatic Gifts. (1 Corinthians 12-14)
7. I will spend some time in prayerful study each month, either alone or with others, to grow in my understanding of worship and intercession and God's call to me.
8. I promise to give You, Holy God, Father - Son - Holy Spirit, all the Glory for all You have done, are doing, and will do. Amen.
ALLELUIA!!!

OUR FATHER ... HAIL MARY ... GLORY BE ... AMEN

Following the Prayer of Commitment", the presiding priest may seal these promises by blessing each person, making the sign of the cross on their forehead. +

- The person who is blessed answers "Amen."
- Then the presiding priest blesses with holy water the insignias bearing the logo of FBB and the logo of FBB – (*branch name posted here*)..
- The moderator (or a person designated by the moderator) presents the new member with the insignias bearing the logo of FBB and the logo of FBB, and a copy of "The Statutes of FBB " and "A Vision for Intercession in the Holy Spirit."
- The exchange of the Peace of the Lord Jesus closes the "Ceremony of Reception".

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APPENDIX B

The main mailing address of FBB in each country is:

FBB Missionary Intercessors

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